and regulation of crab meat picking and processing plants by the State Board of Health, establishing penalties for the violation of the laws and regulations concerning crab meat picking and processing plants and relating generally to the picking and processing of crab meat in this State.

February 25, 1955

Honorable John C. Luber Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith House Bill No. 47, which provides for State Health Department regulation of crab meat processing. I have vetoed this bill as unnecessary, since it exactly duplicates Senate Bill No. 58, passed as an emergency measure and signed by me on January 31st, 1955.

## Yours very truly,

(s) THEODORE R. McKeldin,

Governor

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House Bill No. 64—Regulation of Soft Shell Clam Industry

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 663 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 EDITION AND 1954 Supplement), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Oysters and Clams", said new sub-section to be known as Sub-section (e) (F) and to follow immediately after Sub-section (d) (E) thereof, providing that no person, firm or corporation shall remove any soft shell clams (mya arenaria) FOR PROFIT OR FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, from any county waters of this State who is not a resident of the county in which said clams are found. AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN DREDGING IN THE WATERS OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

April 28, 1955

Honorable John C. Luber Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The provisions of House Bill 64 are substantially duplicated by Senate Bill 301, which contains extensive regulatory and licensing provisions for the soft shell clam industry. The great majority of interested and informed parties urged the approval of Senate Bill